



# Wadestown School

*Te Whakatipu me to Honohono Hei Ākonga  
Growing and Connecting as Learners*



## Pōhutukawa Team (Year 1 & 2) Newsletter Term 3, 2024

Nau mai, haere mai - welcome to Term 3

Welcome to an exciting term with the theme being 'Creative Minds'.

This term, 6 of the oldest students from Room 1 have moved; 3 have joined Room 3; Archie, Emi and Norah and 3 have joined Room 0; Natalie, Harriet and Lara. Room 1 welcomes Hazel and Siana. 2 more students will join Room 1 during this term; Cooper and Caelan.

In response to parent feedback, this newsletter is now designed to be brief with an emphasis on key information. The following is an outline of the exciting learning opportunities planned for this term. Please also see the 'helpful reminders'.



### Literacy (Reo matatini)

#### Our Structured Literacy Approach:

- follows a scope and sequence
- time given to oral language development and communication skills such as making eye-contact when speaking
- uses *Phonics Plus, decodable* readers, published by The Ministry of Education
- grammar knowledge developed along with skill in sentence construction
- punctuation will be a focus this term; building students' knowledge of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks

### Numeracy (Pāngarau)

#### Number Knowledge and Algebra

- understanding place value and the value of a digit
- creating and continuing sequential patterns

#### Number Strategy

- counting, grouping, and equal sharing to problem-solve

#### Fractions

- finding halves and quarters of sets, regions and objects by sharing

#### Area: Geometry & Measurement

- opportunities given to order and compare objects according to their area

### Inquiry 'CREATIVE MINDS' - The Arts (Toi)

- an arts rotation with Dance, Drama and Music starts from Week 2
- parent artist sharing their work with classes
- class items developed in preparation for concert at the start of Term 4
- Nanogirl Science Show – **note 20 August: 3:00 pm pick-up from Rose Street**

### Physical Education (Hakinakina)

- Ākau Tangi – 6 lessons over two trips, covering: Gymnastics, Ball Skills, Futsal, Basketball
- Cricket coaching – one session 6 August
- Swimming in September – 6 trips to Keith Spry Pool (Johnsonville)

*NB: The voluntary donation for Swim School lessons is \$79.00.*

### Te Reo

- Waste Management visit looking after Earth Mother 'Papatuanuku' Week 2
- Mihi Whakatau 22 August 9:00 – 10:00 am
- TE REO-A-THON in September – details to follow

### Dates to Remember



- **Monday 5 & 12 August**  
Ākau Tangi trips to Kilbirnie
- **Tuesday 20 August: Nanogirl Show**
- **Thursday 22 August: Mihi Whakatau** Welcome to new students/whānau **Morning drop-off to Rose Street**
- **2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13 September**  
Swimming lessons at Keith Spry Pool

<b>Pōhutukawa Team: Term 3 Classroom Activity Donation 2024</b>	
<i>Amount charged to Student Statement in February</i>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Term 1</b> Zoo trip and Sports Day trip	\$34.00
<b>Term 2</b> Book Week, Life Ed, Government House trip	\$28.50
<b>Term 3</b> Ākau Tangi (2 trips) \$11.00 Nanogirl Science \$4.50	\$15.50
<b>End of Term 3 Total</b>	<b>\$78.00</b>
<i>Term 4 Balance remaining</i>	\$22.00



**Photos from recent 'Kaitiaki Day'**

We look forward to a wonderful term at Weld Street. 😊  
Ngā mihi nui,

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